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**Brigadier General Kevin W. Bradley** is Assistant Adjutant General - Air, New York National Guard. He is responsible for five flying wings and the Northeast Air Defense Sector. He is the primary advisor to The Adjutant General on all Air Guard matters. Additionally, General Bradley is dual-hatted as Air National Guard Assistant to the Chief, Information Dominance and Chief Information Officer, United States Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia. In this capacity, he provides advice on the organization, employment, war fighter integration and emerging mission advocacy for Air National Guard matters relating to cyber mission areas.

General Bradley received his Air Force commission through the Officer Training School program in 1984. After serving in the United States Air Force, General Bradley joined the New York Air National Guard in 1992 where he has commanded frontline combat units at the squadron, group and wing level. He has also served at Headquarters, United States Air Force. General Bradley is a command pilot with over 3,700 hours in the T-37, T-38, F-16 and MQ-9 aircraft. He has flown combat missions in support of Operation Provide Comfort, Operation Northern Watch, Operation Southern Watch, Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

**Senator Joseph Robach** is the New York State Senate representative for the 56th Senatorial District. Before his election to the Senate, Robach served as an Assemblyman for 11 years filling the seat vacated by the unfortunate passing of his father, Roger Robach. A graduate of Aquinas Institute and the State University of New York College at Brockport, Senator Robach has been a lifelong resident of the Rochester area. Throughout his tenure, he has earned a reputation for being an accessible, community-oriented legislator and an outspoken advocate for a more timely budget process.

Senator Robach has been recognized by many organizations, police departments, healthcare facilities, businesses and not-for-profits both locally and statewide for his outstanding record in the Legislature. During his tenure in the Senate, he has secured an unprecedented amount of resources for the Rochester area which has funded the expansion of the emergency departments for Highland and Park Ridge Hospitals and provided funding for hundreds of local charities and all the school districts in the 56th District. In addition, Senator Robach has secured funding to sponsor Greater Rochester Enterprise's mission to Israel to recruit Israeli businesses to relocate to the Rochester area which has resulted in the creation of jobs and business opportunities in our region.

Senator Robach is married to Anna (Delano). The Robachs have three children: Lindsay, Rachel and Roger. They live in Greece.



# Armed Forces Day Luncheon Program

## ***Musical Prelude***

198th Army Band

## ***Sounding of Assembly***

## ***Posting of the Colors***

Multi Service Color Guard  
MSG Bing Reaves, United States Army - Retired

## ***Singing of the National Anthem***

Bruce Dunn, Co-Chairman - Armed Forces Luncheon Committee

## ***Invocation***

Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) Robert F. Searle, US Army - Retired

## ***POW/MIA Remembrance***

Bruce Dunn, Co-Chairman - Armed Forces Luncheon Committee  
Dr. Betty Perkins-Carpenter, Korean War Veterans

## ***Taps***

In Remembrance of our Fallen Men and Women

## ***Amazing Grace***

Les Carr of The Rochester Pipers

## ***Welcome***

Major General Norbert J. Rappl, United States Army - Retired

## ***Greetings***

Honorable Maggie Brooks, County Executive, Monroe County  
Honorable Thomas Richards, Mayor, City of Rochester

## ***Cake Cutting Ceremony***

Brigadier General Kevin W. Bradley -  
Assistant Adjutant General - Air, New York National Guard

## ***~ Lunch being Served ~***

## ***Honorary Chair***

Senator Joseph Robach - New York Senator - 56<sup>th</sup> Senate District

## ***Guest Speakers***

Brigadier General Kevin W. Bradley -  
Assistant Adjutant General - Air, New York National Guard

## ***Closing Remarks***

Major General Norbert J. Rappl, United States Army - Retired

## ***Retiring of the Colors***

Multi Service Color Guard

## ***Benediction***

Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) Robert F. Searle, US Army - Retired

## ***Singing of God Bless America***

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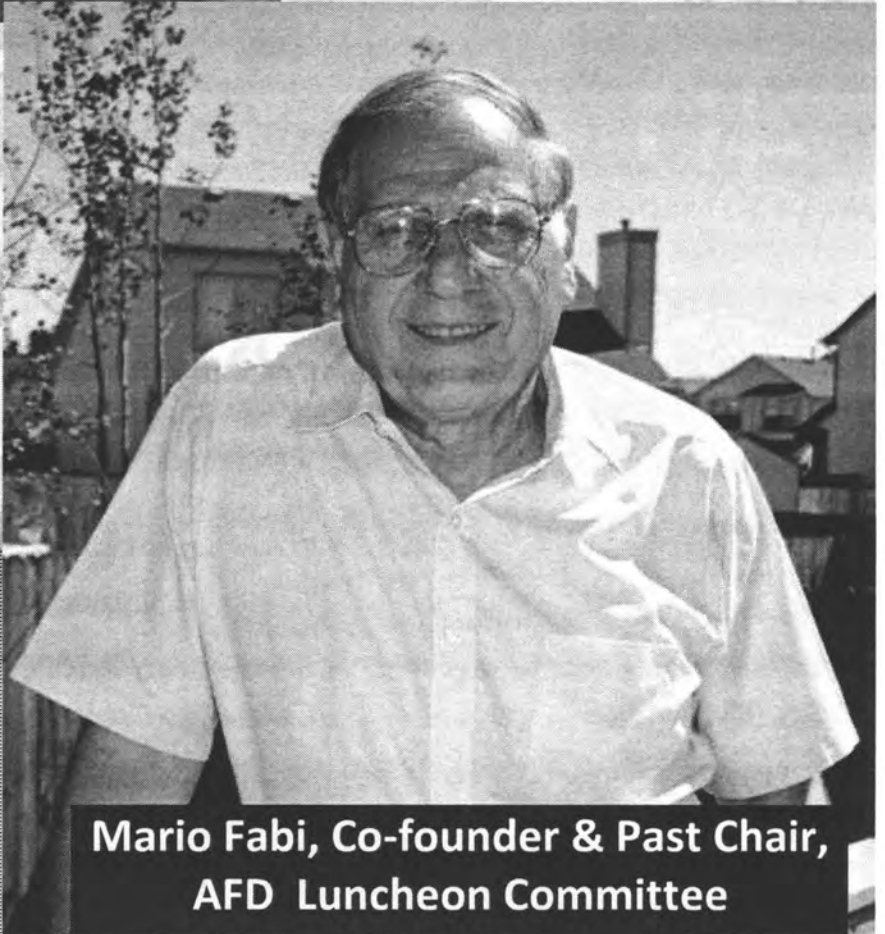


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# Len was 'Semper Fi' Personified

**E**VEN FOR A U.S. MARINE it took some moxie to have the email moniker: **marinel@rochester.rr.com**. Our Len Benedict carried it off comfortably for years. He really was Rochester's number one Marine, right up to last December 9th. when he passed away. We miss him terribly.



Len had been the face of Greater Rochester's Marine Corps Coordinating Council since its inception. Sometimes he was the whole Council himself, laboring away in some obscure corner of the Reserve Center where they found space for him. Len was the founding member of the Marine Corps Coordinating Council representing the American Legion's Cooper Marine Post.

One could have predicted Len would be exceptional in the Council, he had a truly remarkable career in the Corps. He came from a Marine Family, his uncle Robert J. Benedict was one of Rochester's World War I heroes. Len enlisted in the Corps during those darkest, first days of the Korean War. Len was a member of the wondrous cadre of "The Marines Who Never Went to Boot Camp." The situation in Korea was so dire that many new Marines received a bare bones of training while "en route" to Korea, many to the embattled Pusan Perimeter. These exceptional Marines may have skipped boot camp but proved themselves Marines by being tested in battle and passing the test with honors.



While in Korea Len served in a weapons battalion where he was awarded the Bronze Star.

After Korea Sgt. Benedict served as an electronics instructor at MCRD San Diego. Len was an exacting task master with his students. He wryly admitted to acquiring the nickname of Sergeant "Son-of-a-Bitch".

Len's golden contribution to Rochester Marines has been the Leatherneck Open Golf Outing. Last year's was the 17th Annual with every year seeing improvements and greater success. The Leatherneck Open is a monumental undertaking and it has become the Council's primary fund raiser. Much of what the Council has done for our Marines was because of Len's unstinting efforts and hard work. The Golf Outing often had Len wearing multiple hats including salesman, administrator, promoter, etc.

Len had a tough time during his last year, but he always fought back with his usual tenacity. Nothing could have kept him from the Marine Band Concert at the Eastman Theatre last year. At that point when the "President's Own" plays our Marine's Hymn you might have noticed Len, somewhat beat up and battered but unbowed and proudly standing at attention ram rod straight for the Hymn. As it turned out it was kind of a final role call for our old friend. We don't expect to see his likes again. — Semper Fi, Len.



*Len and his wife Caren celebrating Marine Corps Birthday a couple of years ago.*

The Marine Corps Coordinating Council helps Upstate Marines through several activities such as our Emergency Relief Fund, the Marine Peacetime/Wartime Support Team as well as The MCCC College Scholarship Fund. We also sponsor and support the Annual Marine Birthday Ball. Taking care of our own by providing support for Marines and Marine Families is what we are about. Learn more at [www.mcccrochester.org](http://www.mcccrochester.org).

## Marine Corps Coordinating Council of Greater Rochester

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# *Semper Fi!*



# Armed Forces Day History



On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy and Air Force Days. The single-day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under one department -- the Department of Defense. Each of the military leagues and orders was asked to drop sponsorship of its specific service day in order to celebrate the newly announced Armed Forces Day. The Army, Navy and Air Force leagues adopted the newly formed day. The Marine Corps League declined to drop support for Marine Corps Day but supports Armed Forces Day, too.



In a speech announcing the formation of the day, President Truman "praised the work of the military services at home and across the seas" and said, "It is vital to the security of the nation and to the establishment of a desirable peace." In an excerpt from the Presidential Proclamation of Feb. 27, 1950, Mr. Truman stated: "Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 20, 1950, marks the first combined demonstration by America's defense team of its progress, under the National Security Act, towards the goal of readiness for any eventuality. It is the first parade of preparedness by the unified forces of our land, sea, and air defense."



The theme of the first Armed Forces Day was "Teamed for Defense." It was chosen as a means of expressing the unification of all the military forces under a single department of the government. Although this was the theme for the day, there were several other purposes for holding Armed Forces Day. It was a type of "educational program for civilians," one in which there would be an increased awareness of the Armed Forces. It was designed to expand public understanding of what type of job is performed and the role of the military in civilian life. It was a day for the military to show "state-of-the-art" equipment to the civilian population they were protecting. It was a day to honor and acknowledge the people of the Armed Forces of the United States.



According to a New York Times article published on May 17, 1952: "This is the day on which we have the welcome opportunity to pay special tribute to the men and women of the Armed Forces ... to all the individuals who are in the service of their country all over the world. Armed Forces Day won't be a matter of parades and receptions for a good many of them. They will all be in line of duty and some of them may give their lives in that duty."



The first Armed Forces Day was celebrated by parades, open houses, receptions, and air shows. In Washington, D.C., 10,000 troops of all branches of the military, cadets, and veterans marched past the President and his party. In Berlin, 1,000 U.S. troops paraded for the German citizens at Templehof Airfield. In New York City, an estimated 33,000 participants initiated Armed Forces Day "under an air cover of 250 military planes of all types." In the harbors across the country were the famed mothballed "battleships" of World War II: the Missouri, the New Jersey, the North Carolina, and the Iowa, all open for public inspection. Precision flying teams dominated the skies as tracking radar was exhibited on the ground. All across the country, the American people joined together to honor the Armed Forces.